

REMARKS

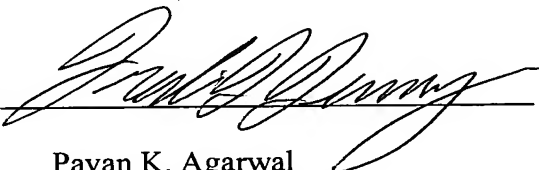
Applicants request favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 5-9 and 15-19 remain pending in the application and stand rejected for double patenting in view of allowed U.S. Patent Application No. 10/830,065. At this time, Applicants have opted to obviate this double patenting rejection by concurrently filing a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, a withdrawal of this rejection is both warranted and respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the aforementioned reasons, claims 5-9 and 15-19 are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such communication would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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